

## BRIDGE OVER RIVER IS GONE

THE NEW CONCRETE STRUCTURE JUST SOUTH OF CITY FALLS INTO THE PLATTE.

Yesterday just after dinner the three sections of the concrete bridge over the South Platte River just south of this city fell into the river. No warning was given and one man was caught in the fall and had to be rescued by bystanders. On account of the excessive rains in the west the South Platte has been rising rapidly since last week and Sunday it overflowed its banks south of the city and came up to the city limits of North Platte. It cut a channel through the fill of the south approach but a hastily constructed dike again put the water back into the channel. The force of the water has evidently undermined the concrete piers for they tumbled into the current. This bridge was built during the war at a cost of \$40,000. Of this amount, \$20,000 was paid by the state, \$10,000 by North Platte and \$10,000 by bonding the South Side. It was built under the supervision of the State Engineer's office but always was the cause of great dissatisfaction on account of being narrow. The State Engineer has been sent for and as soon as he arrives, some definite plan will be formed for repairing or replacing the bridge as soon as possible.

## BOY SCOUTS WERE TO START ON CLEAN-UP INSPECTION YESTERDAY.

Yesterday the Boy Scouts were to start on the Second Annual Clean-Up inspection of the homes in North Platte. Each year the Chamber of Commerce has 100% signs printed and these are distributed by the Boy Scouts to the homes in the city which are cleaned and mowed to the satisfaction of the inspectors. The boys sometimes do not make reports satisfactory to the different citizens but they are in close touch with the Scout Executive and together they do the best they can.

Elmer Stephens is the new Scout Executive, taking the place of Wm. M. Barribal. Mr. Stephens needs no introduction to the scouts of North Platte as he served as Scout Executive last summer and has been one of the live scoutmasters during the past two years. He has established offices in the Board of Education rooms of the Franklin School and from this room will direct the scout activities of the boys during the summer.

Peggy bracelets \$1.50 and Peggy heads at \$1.00 are the most popular adornment this season. Clinton & Son, Jewelers and Opticians.

Mrs. M. B. Smith of Lexington came this morning to visit at the home of Mrs. H. White.

## BICYCLE HIKE FOR BOY SCOUTS IS SOMETHING NEW FOR LOCAL SCOUTS.

Scout Executive Stephens has issued the following call: Every Scout in town who has a bicycle or can borrow one is expected at the Scout Headquarters Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. Bring two blankets or the equivalent and enough grub to last for supper and breakfast. The night will be spent at scout camp if it is dry or on the hills if the camp is still damp. The food should be of such a nature that a little hard riding will not hurt it, cheese, canned pork and beans, sandwiches, hard boiled eggs, weinies, cold ham, beefsteak, potatoes, condensed milk, etc. will be practical. Tune up your wheels boys and take along some patching material. The trip will not be made fast so any scout can go no matter how large or small. One thing more! Bring along a good disposition and be ready to follow the instructions as given by those in charge.

## MID-WEEK GAME OF BASE BALL TO BE PLAYED HERE ON WEDNESDAY.

The American Legion Baseball team will tackle the Paxton team at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon. The Paxton boys have shown up so well so far this year although their relative strength is uncertain at this time. This is one of the few mid-week games and is being put on partly to see if there is a demand for games on other days than Sunday.

The game for next Sunday will be played with Gothenburg. On the 26th the Legion boys go to Ogalala and on the 27th and 28th they play with Sidney at Sidney.

## J. G. BEELER MAKES A STIRRING SPEECH AT ELK'S FLAG DAY EXERCISES.

A comparatively small crowd attended the Elk's celebration of Flag Day at the Elk's home, Sunday afternoon. Several readings and musical selections were given and these were highly enjoyed. J. G. Beeler gave an address, that was patriotic in substance and those who were present speak very highly of his efforts. One old resident here said it was one of the best addresses he had ever heard in North Platte.

## MOSCOWITE INSTALLATION EXCEEDS ESTIMATES AND IS STILL GROWING.

When the officers appointed to arrange for the installation of the Imperial Order of Muscovites here at North Platte, first looked over the field they set the number of initiates at 200. Last night the reports showed 230 applications on file and more coming in. The local officers will have a big job in looking after the visiting Odd Fellows and citizens are preparing to help where possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Macho returned Sunday from Omaha in their auto. They also visited friends in Grand Island.

## ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

CURRENT COMMENT ABOUT PEOPLE AND THE THINGS THEY ARE DOING HERE.

King Rhiley has sent for entrance blanks for the Fourth of July races and we understand he intends to enter. The Chamber of Commerce cup is at stake and Rhiley would like to have it as his personal property.

The City Library has received for distribution pamphlets entitled "Spraying with Iron Sulphate to Eradicate Dandelions." Anyone interested in this manner of getting rid of these lawn pests should see the librarian, Miss Loretta Murphy about getting one of these bulletins.

The two rural mail carriers who go south did not make their routes Saturday or yesterday but it was expected that they would go out today. The washout at the bridge over the Platte just south of the city kept them on the north side of the South Platte river.

The water in the North Platte river is steadily rising and some anxiety is felt in North Platte lest it find a way through some of the low places west of here and again flood the streets and cellars as it did several years ago. One report says that the crest of the rise in the North river will not reach here until next Monday, but that report is offset by another which says the crest will not reach here until next month.

The Peoples Mission bread line was more popular last week than it has been for some time. An average of fifty-nine men were fed each day. Most of these men came in on late afternoon freights from the east and after getting supper went on west on the night trains, as many as fifty have unloaded from one train. They are usually genuinely thankful for the entertainment they receive here and express themselves as being grateful that they do not have to go out into the city and beg. The rush west is in response to word from the flood districts of Colorado that there will be work for all. This shows that these men are good citizens and are looking for work.

Drs. Drost and Fenner left here a week ago Sunday and started out for Denver but on account of bridges being out and long detours they did not reach Denver until Monday. Bridges were out at Ft. Morgan and Greeley. They visited Idaho Springs and Lookout Mountain that day and on Tuesday they went down to Colorado Springs and Pueblo. That is, they went to the edge of Pueblo but the military guards would not let them enter. They saw the destruction in Manitou and other places but none of these equalled Pueblo. They visited Boulder and Estes Park on Friday and after running up to Cheyenne they came back to North Platte over the Lincoln Highway. They report the road back as being in fine shape up to within two miles of this city when they struck the worst road of the trip.

The other day we saw Charles Echelberry out in front of his store on Front street with a horse and he was washing off the side walk. This is one of the best things that could be done by the business men of North Platte. We are told that there is a law in Colorado Springs which

requires the property owner to wash off the walk every morning. We have seen dozens of people there at any time between seven and eight in the morning, each with a short piece of hose. Instead of stirring up the dirt, it cleans the walk and carries the germs into the gutter where they are collected with the sweepings from the street and it gives a clean fresh appearance to the city.

The task of getting people and things across the South river confronted the citizens of North Platte today and for a while it looked like a pretty serious condition. Then all at once the skies cleared for Skipper Den came forward with a proposition to use the motor from his fishing launch and attach it to a boat. Just when the problem of how to get a boat seemed to be beyond solution, a carpenter came forward with the suggestion that one be made. So the Chamber of Commerce got back of the proposition and at 7:30 this morning the keel was to be laid and the carpenters were to make a record in getting the noble ship ready to be launched. Someone has suggested that it could never have a successful career because it could not be christened in the proper way but the difficulty is to be solved by inviting Maor Evans to use some of the contraband taken from Harry Watson last week. With Commodore Den at the helm and Mates Edwards and Bare heaving the log or whatever they leave on a ship, the people of the South Side should take courage and plan on as many trips to North Platte as possible. Sailing schedules will be arranged as soon as it is determined how long it takes the boat to make a round trip.

John Stryker, who robbed North Platte of a good teacher when he married Elsie Johnson, has started out as a producer of wild west and Frontier days. He tried to get North Platte interested but something was in the way and the plan didn't work out for this year. He found business men of Norton, Kansas more responsive and now they are getting ready to put on a real wild west and Frontier days down there. John says he can promote a frontier celebration and not be any the worse for it as the men who take part are not the toughs they are pictured to be. He says he has associated with them a lot in these last years and that he neither drinks, smokes, chews, swears or gambles yet and that he does not intend to do any of these things to please anyone. If the frontier days needs elevating, John can do it and yet he has enough red blood in him so that we need have no fear of his taking the punch out of the sport. Here's success to the Norton Frontier Days.

## BOOSTER TRIP IS NOT POSTPONED BUT THE ROUTE WILL BE CHANGED

On account of the high water it will probably not be possible for the booster trip planned for June 22, to follow the original itinerary. It is now probable that the auto boosters will take a route east of here on one day and the route west on the next day, spending only half of the day on each occasion. At some future date the boosters will visit the south side and make the acquaintance of the people of that part of the county.

This evening at 6 o'clock the members of the Rotary Club and their guests will meet at the Episcopal church and after a dinner together will listen to the presentation of a monologue by Jimmy Heron of New York. His subject is "The Spirit of Rotary."

## FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

NORTH PLATTE IS TO HAVE A BIG PARADE ON INDEPENDENCE DAY.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce last evening it was unanimously decided to get behind a big parade as one of the leading features of the Fourth of July celebration. Committees are to be appointed today to take charge of the various features of the parade. The several divisions will each have someone in charge who will see that his division is well represented. The Chamber of Commerce will probably offer \$150 in prizes for the float section. The division of this amount has not yet been settled and the points upon which the decision of the judges will be made were still in question. Merchants are asked to start early and prepare for the float section of the parade. Lodges and societies are urged to get the matter under way as soon as possible. The committees will meet in the near future and make announcements in full as soon as possible. With the Chamber of Commerce back of the parade and good prizes offered for the floats there is no doubt of the success of this feature of the day's celebration.

## BAPTIST MEN ARE TO BE THE GUESTS OF THE LADIES AT DOLLAR DAY MEETING

The Baptist Ladies Auxiliary will meet Thursday evening at eight o'clock at the church. As this is to be dollar day each lady is expected to have earned a dollar and to bring it and tell how she earned it. Mrs. Chas. Townsend is the leader and she has prepared a good program. The ladies have invited the men to be their guests but it is understood that has nothing to do with the dollar. The hostesses will be Mesdames Saunders, Foster, Calhoun, Bain, Arnold, Pease and Murphy.

## ANOTHER PRECINCT ORGANIZES FOR WORK IN THE COUNTY FARM BUREAU.

Friday night, County Agent Kellogg went out to Plant precinct and there met the members of the Lincoln County Farm Bureau who live there. An organization was effected with the following officers: John Diener, president; Aaron S. Gregg, vice-president; Jess Highbarger, secretary; W. C. Hasse, treasurer. A fine interest was shown in this work and Plant precinct plans on heading the list in this county.

## EDWARDS-HAMILL.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place Sunday, June 6th at 2 p. m. at St. Mary's Catholic Parsonage when Miss Frances Edwards of Grand Island, Neb., and Charles H. Hamill of Sioux City, Iowa, were joined in the Holy Bonds of Wedlock, Father Helmes officiating. The only attendants were cousins of the bride, Miss Sabina Ryan of Wood River, Neb., and Joseph M. Ryan of Shelton, Neb. After the ceremony the bridal party enjoyed a wedding dinner at the home of the bride. After June 15th they will be at home at Sioux City, Iowa. Mrs. Hamill formerly lived in North Platte and attended the public schools here.

The newest and finest in rigs are now here. Onyx rings in green gold, fancy mountings, with and without diamonds. Clinton & Son, Jewelers and Opticians.

F. L. Temple came from Lexington this morning where he visited his family.

## LATEST NEWS OF THE FLOOD SITUATION IN LINCOLN COUNTY.

The Hershey bridge is standing and Commissioner Coker says it will stand. The Brady bridge has been closed. The Sutherland bridge is out and there was no report of any change at Maxwell.

Roy Cochran made an inspection of every bridge between North Platte and Kearney yesterday and returned here at six o'clock last night. He found them all in place but some of the older bridges were a little shaky.

At a conference of the Co. Commissioners and Highway Superintendent Cochran this morning it was decided to dynamite the approach to the South River bridge and allow the water to escape around the remaining spans of the bridge rather than to run the risk of losing them also. The spans which have dropped into the river are acting as a check on the flow of water through the break.

Word from the west is that the South Platte has dropped about four inches at Hershey.

The North Platte river is steadily rising and will continue to rise during the rest of the week.

The fill at the Lincoln Highway bridge was threatened this morning when a cave-in occurred but it was stopped in time by the men on guard and the road is still intact.

## LOCAL DOCTOR AND NURSE MAKE AIRPLANE FLIGHT TO SAVE WOMAN'S LIFE

Yesterday afternoon Dr. C. A. Selby received word from the Experimental Substation that Dr. Simms who was attending a case there needed assistance in order to save the life of Mrs. R. H. Jandebauer. The bridge had gone out while Dr. Simms was gone and there did not seem to be any way to get Dr. Selby over the river or to get Mrs. Jandebauer to the hospital. In the emergency permission was received from Omaha and in a few minutes one of the big mail planes rose from the air mail field, being driven by Pilot C. R. Smith and having as passengers Dr. Selby and Miss Lawless, Superintendent of the Platte Valley Hospital. The plane made a safe landing on the south side of the river and the doctor and nurse were rushed to the bedside of the sick woman. At last accounts Mrs. Jandebauer was resting well.

## PUBLIC INITIATION OF MASONIC OFFICERS TONIGHT AT MASONIC HALL.

The initiation of officers of the Blue Lodge will be held at 8 p. m. tonight. All Masons and their wives and families are invited to be present. Jewels will be presented to the following Past Masters of the lodge: Geo. C. Donehower, Wm. J. Stuart, John G. McIlvan, Frank L. Mooney, Olin H. Cressler, John McGraw, Chester C. Williams, H. Clay Brock and Josiah B. Redfield.

## CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Miss Marguerite Nelson of Gothenburg came Sunday to visit her sister Mrs. A. T. Johnson over the week end.

Mrs. Charles Weir returned home this morning from Pueblo where she visited relatives.

Perry Tetterton of Wellfleet transacted business in the city yesterday.

Kenneth Whelan returned last evening from Indiana where he attended Notre Dame college.

Harold Burke will leave today for his home in Denver after visiting his sister Mrs. L. J. Krause. He attended the University of Nebraska this winter.

The Country Club has secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Reese, a colored man and his wife to take care of the Club this summer. They are cleaning up the club house this week and expect to be ready to serve meals by Thursday.

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Wednesday, June 15th.